

# Murphysboro Minute

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\* NOV. 4TH - DEC. 2ND \*\***

FRIENDS OF SALLIE

LOGAN LIBRARY PRESENT

SILENT AUCTION—1808 WALNUT ST.

**\*\* NOV. 1ST—JAN. 15TH \*\***

ART OPENING—1108 WALNUT ST.

"FROM THE HEARTLAND"

PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID GILMORE

**\*\* NOV. 23RD \*\***

ONE-STOP HOLIDAY SHOP

AMERICAN LEGION—1700 GARTSIDE

**\*\* DEC. 14TH \*\***

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SING—SMYSOR PLAZA

## From the Desk of Mayor Will Stephens

I am happy to announce that a new Chief of Police has been selected and will be formally announced at the November 12th City Council meeting. Our new Police Chief is an exceptional candidate, and brings with him over 25 years of law enforcement and leadership experience. The selection process started with soliciting applicants by placing an ad in Illinois Municipal Review, the Southern Illinoisan and on the city website. We received over a dozen applications, of which 4 individuals were interviewed by the Mayor and members of the City Council. The candidate that stood out the most to the interview committee was Brian Hollo. Mr. Hollo currently resides in Litchfield, IL and is married with 4 children.

In 1983 Mr. Hollo accepted a position with the Illinois State Police, graduating in January 1984 and began his position as a Trooper in Litchfield. The next 27 years and 3 months of service included assignments in Chicago, Collinsville, DuQuoin, Springfield, Litchfield and at the ISP Training Academy. In 2007 he was promoted to District 12 Commander. On January 10, 2009, Captain Hollo attended the FBI National Academy graduating March 20, 2009. Mr. Hollo retired from the Illinois State Police in December of 2010 after serving as the District 12 Commander of the Illinois State Police, overseeing 10 counties, hundreds of officers and a large and dynamic budget. Mr. Hollo will officially begin his duties as Murphysboro Police Chief on Monday, December 2nd, 2013.

## NEWS FLASH

THANK YOU Patty Bateman and the Friends of Murphysboro organization!! This years "BIG MUDDY BREW FEST" at Riverside Park had over 1500 in attendance. The gas stations and restaurants were very busy because of it. Thanks to everyone that made this event a great success!

Lastly, I continue to receive nominations for the Russ Breeding Community Service Award. Email them to [mayor@murphysboro.com](mailto:mayor@murphysboro.com) or send via the mail to 1101 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966. I will be announcing the next Russ Breeding Community Service Award winner in the Spring of 2014.

In other news, I am happy to appoint both Frank Puttman and Steven Glodo to the Murphysboro Zoning Board of Appeals. I have great confidence that they will serve the people of Murphysboro well. These two gentleman replace Lewis Akers and Marlene Gibbs. I thank them both for their years of service on the Board of Appeals, and know they will continue to serve our community well in a number of ways.

## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES:

AARON'S—60 NIEMANN LANE

TIBBY KNOLL PRIMITIVES—N. 14TH ST.

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## UPCOMING

## EVENTS

### APPLE FESTIVAL

SEPT. 11th-14th

### BBQ COOK-OFF

SEPT. 19th-21st

### BLUES FESTIVAL

SEPT. 21st

### COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

OCT. 1st

### UNIQUE SHOPS FALL WALK

OCT. 19th

### BIG MUDDY BREW FEST

OCT. 26th

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## From the Desk of Mayor Will Stephens

I want to start the debut issue of "the Murphysboro Minute" by giving credit where credit is due. Recently I had a conversation with the Mayor of Mt. Vernon, Mary Jane Chesley. As we spoke about the various issues that Mayors deal with, I mentioned my desire to start a city wide newsletter. I also mentioned that the cost of printing and designing a newsletter had been one of the reasons I had not moved forward with the idea. That was when Mayor Chesley said "Do you print anything on the back of your water bills?" Needless to say, that conversation sparked what you are reading now, so I tip my hat to Mayor Chesley for her advice.

## NEWS FLASH

The City of Murphysboro has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. This grant will be used to start the improvement of Industrial Park, by relocating and enlarging the water main that runs under that section of 7th Street. This will enhance our ability to provide utilities to any large scale manufacturing that would want to locate in the area, and truly fulfill the infrastructure needs that an "Industrial Park" should have.

## What's Going on Around Town

### Walnut Street Water Line Project

You may have noticed, the work on the water main replacement project has begun. Haier Plumbing of Okawville was awarded the contract, and they brought in the heavy equipment and started turning over dirt and laying pipe on Aug. 14th. The project will proceed east down Walnut St. Be aware of workers and traffic cones. Many have asked about the impact this will have on the Apple Festival parade. The water main on Walnut Street is located under the parking spaces on the north side of the street. Any work that will be done should take place within the confines of that area, and will only be performed one block at a time. Therefore, I expect the impact on the Parade to be minimal. The project has an expected completion date of March 2014.

## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

*\* Interior Designs \**

**1334 Walnut St.**

*\* Jerry's Junkin \**

**1515 Walnut St.**

*\* KC Technologies \**

**1214 Walnut St.**

*\* Mi Patio Restaurant \**

**13693 Hwy 149**

*\* O'Reilly Auto Parts \**

**202 N. Williams St.**

*\* Something Different \**

**1340 Walnut St.**

*\* The Willow Barn \**

**102 N. 21st St.**

*\* Think Vintage \**

**1338 Walnut St.**

## COMING SOON

**Brews Brothers Taproom**

**1105 Chestnut St.**

**Jack's Meat Market & Deli**

**1842 Walnut St.**

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